

LET POSTERITY HELP TO PAY THE WAR BILL; CUT THE TAXES

THE national administration is making a tragic blunder in its effort to force the present generation into full payment of America's war debt. If the United States had paid its war bill from the world war, which she undoubtedly did in what she owed as well as in what she acquired, these benefits will be shared by posterity as well as by ourselves. What posterity enjoys it should help to pay for, especially when by sharing the burden of this generation it may save us and itself from dangers even worse than war.

High prices are due to more than under production and exorbitant production costs. They are due in a large measure to the incursion of taxation forced upon the country's business by an unwise financial policy. That the war debt must be paid we all admit. That each of us must pay our share and pay our share is something we may as well realize and reconcile ourselves to. But in a time when both serious and economic recovery from the shock of wholesale slaughter are necessary, we should not be overwhelmed with the very magnitude of our debt. Even the railroads are to be allowed a period of five years in which to recover from federal control before they are to be asked to pay their debts if legislation now pending becomes law.

Exaction of a general character is admittedly necessary to enable the government to pay the interest on the war bonds it sold and most other obligations not provided for in bond issues. But the government's credit is good. Let some of the creditors wait. The bonds, if the truth were known, probably are gradually gravitating into the hands of large investors who can afford to hold them. Taxes, then, should be removed from many necessities classified as luxuries. Especially should they be removed from clothing, medicines and necessary railroad travel. On such articles no correction there should be discrimination against the things least necessary in favor of the more essential commodities.

The high price marked on the article in the display window attained its altitude largely because the merchant is compelled to include under the head of costs the tax exacted by the government and the time and expense incidental to the check he must keep on his sales to see that the tax is collected from the customer.

Next year when we set about the work of selecting managers for our national business we should see to it that we entrust with the government's affairs only such men as are capable of carrying out a sound financial program and willing to do it at the expense of every petty political consideration. It is regrettable that we are compelled to wait another year to make the change.

There's one difference. In Mexico they catch 'em, try 'em and shoot 'em. In the United States, we catch 'em, maybe; try 'em, sometimes; and release 'em.

The former Kaiser thinks the allies are bluffing, a dispatch from London says. Let's see; he thought that once about the U. S. didn't he?

If notes would make a man fight, Carranza ought to be ready to go to bat with his Uncle Sam by now.

People who want to defy Uncle Sam had better hurry. It begins to look like he might wake up.

The United States ought to end the war with Germany before it declares another.

Wherever there is an I. W. W. there is a lawyer who will defend him.

Maybe the reason Villa isn't captured is that nobody would ransom him.

A dry hole is what makes the wildcat wild.

Look After Injured Workers

NO legislation of recent years is more meritorious than the bills passed at the last session of congress providing means of self support for the hundreds of thousands of persons annually injured in industry. Both the senate and house passed measures along this line but the sudden adjournment left them in conference and it remains for the present session to agree on the slight differences between the two bills and send them to the president.

One million dollars a year will be spent for training injured workers if the pending bills are enacted into law.

Ever since the organization of the government, one of the crying needs in industry has been some sort of a vocational training law. Heretofore when a workman was injured in his employment he had the doubtful remedy of a lawsuit to recover damages from his employer and often he did not have the money for even the preliminary legal expenses. Consequently many persons permanently injured in industry have been cast out on the cold world to get along in a crippled condition as well as they could. Thousands of beggars have been made through this process.

This situation has caused a vast economic loss to the nation. Statisticians have figured that it will be cheaper to the country as a whole to reeducate the injured so they can take up other work for which they may be suited, than to turn these unfortunate adrift. There are hundreds of positions these injured men can fill with satisfaction to themselves and to the community at large, if they can only be prepared for the work.

Rehabilitation of men, women and children injured in industry has long been the dream of forward looking statesmen. Various states have long considered such laws as the one now before congress, but as usual it has remained for the federal government to pave the way, although a few states now have limited vocational educational laws. Under the pending measure the states must do their part in this great work. The states must put up dollar for dollar with the federal government. This arrangement will stir the states to take an interest in their injured workers and rehabilitate them.

The southwestern states may be counted on to be among the first to take advantage of the government's proposal and to do their part to make successful this great piece of legislation.

Everything has its recompense. The lack of white paper is going to keep a lot of things out of print—for instance, you'll read fewer and fewer speeches and "Pro Bono Publico" communications.

The scandal monger and the anonymous letter writer are two of a kind. They have the same bravery as the assassin who lurks in the dark.

Mexico is planning a strong air service. She already has a hot air service, recent Villa stories indicate.

"Surprise awaits two anarchists," says a headline. But is it possible to surprise an anarchist?

Are you one of the 99,999 persons who has inside dope on the exact hour of intervention?

The time of the year when wives get loving and kids get good is fast approaching.

The T. & P. is getting new equipment. It needs a new roadbed, too.

We are ne'er like angels till our passion dies.

Little Interviews.

Recent Law In New Mexico Puts Stop to Passing Bad Checks "Blow Your Horns" Is Advice Given Motorists by Traffic Cop

"WE have a law in New Mexico which is doing a great deal to put a stop to passing worthless checks," said deputy sheriff C. H. Hayes, of Alamogordo, who is in El Paso after a prisoner. "The law in New Mexico makes it a felony for a man or woman to give a check that is not good. Here in Texas, I am told, if a man once had money in a bank, and afterwards he couldn't give a lot of bad checks it is hard to punish him for violating the law. A recent law in our state, however, makes it possible to punish any man who gives a bad check, whether or not he ever had money in that bank."

"I came down to El Paso a few weeks ago and got a man who gave me a check for \$100.00. The man told me he had money in a bank, but when he gave me the check he didn't have any. I put him in the 'box' for three years."

"Everything is fine in Alamogordo," continued Hayes. "I have been in there since 1915, and I enjoy an occasional trip to this city."

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"I see that the Socialists have voted to adopt soviet rule in Germany," said M. L. Haynes. "Germany, I think, will be particularly unappealing to such things now. She is weakened and distressed, her own doing, and will fall a prey, I am afraid, to the Bolsheviks and labor radicals. The one hope she has is that her people will realize their situation and get so busy at reconstruction that they will not have time for radical and anarchy proceedings. I recently talked with an American soldier who had been in Germany and he seemed to think that some sort of unrest was smoldering in the country, so the fact that the reds are fostering their ideas in Germany, makes life for her future."

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Spare The Rod And Spoil The Child

By Harry Murphy



"That information is not official, but I think it is correct."

"Then," Honora interjected her lips to reply, "you have come home to bid your mother good-bye."

"Yes," he said, "and to try to tell you how dearly I love you, Honora."

He was standing in front of her and held out his arms to her. She went to him and laid her head on his shoulder, and he gathered her to his breast. So sure was she of his love that she knew he felt for her a depth of affection such as he never had felt for Mildred.

The next day was Sunday and Mildred, returning from a drive with her fiance, rushed to her sister's room to inform her that Harold was going to Canada in ten days and wanted her to go with him.

"It is all very sudden, you see," the girl said. "His leg is much better and getting well quickly, and he may have to go to France again soon."

An Explanation.

Then she hurried on to explain that they were to be married before that.

Honora listened as if stunned. She realized as never before how little she counted in Mildred's life.

Suddenly the younger girl seemed conscious of this thought.

"You know, of course, Honora," she said, "that I shall miss you."

"But when Harold sails I shall come back here to stay for awhile. You will be happy, anyway, won't you? You are not losing all your love, now, really?"

Honora smiled. "I am not losing all I love, dear. For I love you—and, really, I am engaged to Arthur."

Although how she came to be engaged to Arthur, she did not know. "I do hope you will be happy," she said, "with a sigh. Do you know, Harold said when he proposed that we get married at once?"

He said that unless he had me tied fast to him by church and state he would not marry me. "What was that funny?" she asked.

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..Patter And Chatter..

By S. E. Kiser

Lines to Carranza.

COME, come, old man! Please stop the killing!

Call in your bandits from the front! Can't you perceive that your are invading?

The brass six months too soon, at least!

If we must make war upon you And your dark desires for your sin, We'll have it all cleaned up, doggone!

Before our next campaign begins.

CALL off the daily depredations, You surely must understand, Unless you lessen the temptations, We'll have to make you shave your head!

Be good till April—there's a reason— Consent to have a brief delay! We'll hand you something in due season.

You'll know it when it comes your way.

WHY WOMEN GO MAD.

"You used to say I resembled you of a woodland sprite," she complained. "You said I was as useful as the dawn or that my eyes were translucent pools in which you saw reflections of Elysian vistas."

"I know," he replied, still studying the portrait page. "Since I have to give so much of my attention to hard work I seem to have lost my imagination."

PAT.

A hand within another laid, a soft, sweet sigh, a whispered word; A boy without a care, a maid whose breast is glacially strangely stirred. Two beings on a single chair, two souls with but a single thought; A heavy sleep upon the stair, a time that yields forget me not!

A Little Texas Ranch Boy Saves Uncle Wiggily In Books; Tells How To Do It

A certain little Fort Davis ranch boy of six years, "Uncle Wiggily" too much for him, destroyed, so his grandmother is preserving him and his adventures in book form for safe repeated readings.

She includes a fresh volume which "The little ranch boy presents to Little Chris, of whom he is very fond."

"But," she adds, "please send his tie Chris, of whom he is very fond," from which the book is made so she can make another just like it and so save the much prized money picture."

Directions for making Uncle Wiggily books for children are as follows: This grandmother writes:

First, number the pictures in correct order.

Then cut them along the lines, leaving the story under each picture as follows: at the bottom of the page, at the left of each picture for suitably the leaves together.

Without interfering on text or picture.

Take the cover from an educational journal or something, or a large, tough, suitable that has served its purpose, and cut an ample cover for the book in evolution.

Fit the leaves in the cover and attach them with a string and a sewing machine with a long stick. Now the volume is complete except for the title and illuminated decorations.

From the conspicuous line at the head of the story, cut the two colored pictures, the title, "Uncle Wiggily's Adventures," and the cryptic words that furnish the nature of the particular adventure.

Paste these on the inside according to taste, covering an any writing or printing at the same time.

"Uncle Wiggily's" book is a story may be pasted in the books on the reverse side of the pictures.

"The best book for Uncle Wiggily and all lovers of children," the little ranch boy's grandmother signs herself.

The Old Family Album

By L. E. CLAYTON

WHEN he was six years old, Ray F. M. Johnson, Jr., began saving his God and his country. So diligently and valiantly has he fought ever since that he has acquired the name of "The Fighting Person."

Although now a young man, Ray F. M. Johnson, Jr., was born in Houston. The year was 1911 and the day June 5. His father was Mr. Frank Mackie Johnson.

At six years of age, young Johnson had his passing for a summer vacation in the summer of 1917. He was seen standing proudly before you in his first military regalia. He was a member of the Junior Red Cross and a member of the Junior League.

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Raisins And T.N.T. - By T. E. Powers

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Short Snatches From Everywhere

But, says Mr. Hoover, and show him the sugar bowl—Wall Street Journal.

America for Americans is a first-class slogan. But not too much of it, please—Washington Star.

Miss Frances Pyette, who affects precision of speech, refers to the Balkans as "the Balkans." And says she's right, at that—Washington Star.

The man who used to spend all his time perfecting his golf action has a new diversion: he's trying to make a fortune as a "hot" lay Vegas—Baltimore News.

In spite of his recent drinking, which has been of his production Germany will be conquering we can't doubt—The Texas Colonist (Washington, D. C.).

Senator Williams says the British empire has "a lot of value and only one vice." Part of a parallel to Mr. Johnson's statement in the Senate—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

Twelve are waiting into United States in moderate circumstances have in our something—New York Evening Sun.

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